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Ryan reneges on aid pledge

by Dave McCullough

Part-time students may not be able to get loans and bursaries next year, despite government promises when it announced hikes in tuition fees.

The Québec government said last month it would make improvements to the Loans and Bursaries program to compensate for the effect of next year's tuition increase. Now they're saying there's not enough cash, and are postponing the improvements.

In last month's Bill on post-secondary funding, there are "some articles" dealing with part-time students, said Luc Rhéaume, an aide to education minister Claude Ryan.

"The government decided to wait on implementing them because *CVC works on its image*

McGill groups fight throw-away society

by Dasi Moscovitch

Students are being given a consumer incentive to limit their use of environmentally hazardous styrofoam cups. But the material will still be for sale in McGill cafeterias.

"You cannot run a throw-away society on a finite planet," said Anushka Drescher, one of the students responsible for initiating the program.

McGill's food and beverage service is now giving discounts to people who use mugs sold by CVC and the Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG).

QPIRG's mug has been on sale at Saidies' for \$3.50 since September, and half the mugs in their stock have sold. Following suit, CVC's own mug began selling at the cafeteria in the Union building yesterday.

Mug-using customers are receiving a five-cent rebate on hot drinks, as well as a proportional discount on juice and soft drinks.

According to Eric Rosen from QPIRG, "neither QPIRG nor CVC will be making a profit on the mugs." CVC will actually be taking a loss, said Tazim Mohamed, executive manager at CVC.

Styrofoam tangle

Both groups hope the mugs are bought and used instead of styrofoam cups. The styrofoam cups that CVC use do not contain CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), according to Mohamed. These chemicals, common in refrigerators, aerosol propellants and automobile manufacture, contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer and the dangers of ultraviolet

of lack of money."

But Association National des Étudiants et Étudiantes (ANEEQ) External Affairs Officer Jeff Begley said, "When the government says not yet, it usually means never."

McGill Student Society VP External John Fox said the delay will mostly affect "those who decided to count on it and those who have not come to school yet."

"The impact will be on those who have to work as a cashier at Steinberg's an extra year to go to university," he said.

Begley said "Ryan is using loans and bursaries every time as an excuse to raise fees."

"It is a \$52 million improvement on paper. If you take away the part-time student loans and bursaries, you see the government is only giving \$10 million. The rest of the

radiation.

But 'CFC-free' styrofoam cups are still harmful to the environment because they do not biodegrade. This furthers the problem of garbage build-up. And styrofoam emits toxic fumes when not incinerated properly, according to Drescher.

Furthermore, some critics have claimed that so-called CFC-free styrofoam is like "biodegradable" plastic — merely a half-way solution that doesn't live up to its claims. While the styrofoam itself does not contain CFCs, the chemicals are often a part of the production process.

And CVC still uses regular styrofoam plates and bowls for some of its other commodities, such as soup and salad.

Mohamed said the CVC mug is part of a set of plans concerning the environment but said he couldn't comment further until February 16 because the company's contract with Students' Society is up for review.

The mugs are good advertising for CVC, he added.

CVC is competing with other companies over their standing position. So far their attitude towards QPIRG waste management has been positive and cooperative, according to Rosen.

Twelve to 15 tons of garbage leaves the Union building every week. This overwhelming statistic is proof that reuse and recycling are necessary. Bring your own dishes or use QPIRG mugs in the Union, Education, Arts, Music, Redpath, Law, Bronfman and Dentistry cafeterias.

And please don't buy other styrofoam-packaged products, at the University or elsewhere,

program is entirely loans."

The Ministry is also tightening the definition of an independent student, by excluding students on unemployment insurance and wel-

fare.

"The government must give help to those who are really independent," said Rhéaume. "Those who receive money from social aid cannot be considered independent."

The current regulations allow people in these programs to apply for student loans if they decide to return to school — unless they have a high previous debt load, as many do.

Progressives aim at urban power

by Joyce Lombardi

How does a progressive party compromise between organization and ideology? Members of Montréal's brand new municipal party, the Democratic Coalition of Montréal, knocked heads Saturday, mixing radical politics with organizational details.

The new party, officially launched last month, wants to defeat what members call "the corrupt and treasonous regime" of Mayor Jean Doré in the upcoming municipal election.

The head honchos of the Coalition are four City councillors who defected from Doré's Montréal Citizen's Movement (MCM) last year. The "gang of four" includes Marvin Rotrand of Snowdon-Victoria riding, Pierre Goyer of Jean-Talon, Pierre Yves-Melançon of Mont-Royal and Sam Boskey of NDG.

They're up against a planned green party, Ecology Montréal, founded by publisher-activist Dmitri Rossopoulos of Black Rose Books. The Coalition is structured around community organizations, proportional representation and citizens' referendums, while Ecology Montréal is anarchistic.

Rossopoulos is more concerned

with creating a platform for radical leftist policy than electing councillors.

"There's not much difference between those guys (the Coalition) and the MCM. But the Greens provide an open forum to discuss real alternative policies," he said.

Critics say Ecology Montréal is ideologically sound, but politically inexperienced. Sam Boskey said Green is the wave of the future, not the present.

"An anti-authoritarian soap-box may be valid, but we want to win the election. We want to be whistleblowers from the inside," he said.

Coalition members trying to implement a decentralized, democratic structure were wary of the same bureaucracy that turned the MCM away from its populist promises after the party came to power in 1986.

The Democratic Coalition's platform does sound suspiciously similar to the MCM's 1986 campaign promises, but there's good reason, said councillor Rotrand. "Many of us provided the original structure for the MCM."

"The MCM won the election on this decentralized platform. But once we got elected, it became quite clear that (the other MCM council-

lors) weren't willing to share their power," he said.

The City's lack of a provision for citizens' referendums is an example of a soured MCM campaign promise, said Rotrand. The Coalition wants to curb what Rotrand called the virtual free-for-all developers enjoyed under the MCM's administration — illegal evictions in Overdale, ignored zoning restrictions, and huge buildings in the downtown core.

Councillor Goyer lamented the flight to the suburbs he says the MCM inadvertently encouraged. He plans to reorganize zoning by-laws he says have forced residential and commercial districts apart, and have added to the ghettoization of outlying areas like St Henri and the East end.

"I've known Rotrand for five years," said Ronald Franklin, director of the Regroupement Multi-Culturaliste. "The independent councillors have already proven they're committed to cultural issues in the Haitian and other ethnic communities."

It is too early to determine if the Coalition will split the progressive vote with the green party, but at least ideology has made it this far in practice.



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Erratum:

In the news brief about the Social Work library in Monday's issue, there was an error of fact: the Social Work department is not moving. The Daily apologizes for any inconvenience. Watch for more developments on the libraries.

Look around...

Moosejawed monsters with their claws in UI, VIA, the East Coast, their snoozing brains commanding their monetarist reflexes to pull, pull... while a computer virus invades the remnants of Hitler's brain, transmitting its walk, its song to the tin ears of drug-fearing semi-conscious CIA lords who can a nation into giving them license to kill in Panama, HOME OF THE DRUG STRONGMAN SCOURGE KING, meanwhile at home your kidneys are subject to random search and seizure for the possible possession of aberrant perceptions...

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Tuition hike squeezes foreign students

by Adam Sadowski

International students could be among the hardest hit by the tuition fee increase proposed by the Québec government, according to Post-Graduate Students' Society VP External Eric Darier.

Darier — an international student — is worried that all international students could wind up paying more than \$7500 per year if the fees are increased and if McGill exercises its option of raising fees another 10 per cent. International students currently pay \$5800 per year.

Luc Rhéaume, press attaché for education minister Claude Ryan, said the 10 per cent option is "reserved only for Québec students." But Darier said, "the Québec government has not said that it (the option) won't affect international students."

Even if the increase is only the \$350 per year over the next two years proposed by the government, Darier warned that international students will stay away. "We will go elsewhere. We can go to the States and get better bursaries." Québec already has the highest international student fees of any province in Canada.

McGill registrar J.P. Schuller said McGill does not support high international student fees and sug-

gested liberalizing conditions for fee exemptions.

Darier is part of a delegation attending the public hearings of the Parliamentary Commission on the Reform of Québec Loans and Bursaries in Québec City starting February 21. The delegation will attempt to show the relationship between fee increases and decreasing international student populations.

"In the early 1980's when Québec first started raising international student fees, there was a

massive decrease in the international student population," said Darier. Fees for such students are exempt from the tuition freeze.

According to Schuller, there is a "definite relationship" between fees and international student numbers. International student fees increased steadily from about \$1500 in 1980 to the current rate of \$5800 established in 1986.

During the same period, the international student population at McGill decreased from 13 per cent

in the academic year 1979-80 to 7.6 per cent in 1986-87. Fees for international students have been \$5800 for the past three years, and the current international student population has climbed to 10.9 per cent.

McGill is currently only permitted by the Québec government to grant fee waivers to about 10 per cent of the international graduate student population. These exemptions are usually reserved for Ph.D. candidates.

International students are an

integral part of McGill and it would suffer if there were a decrease in their number, according to Darier. There are approximately 800 foreign teaching assistants at McGill, and without them assistant professors might have to be hired at a much higher rate of pay. As well, international students currently make up 24.5 per cent of McGill's graduate student population.

"It's a shame that we can't protect international students," said Schuller, "but it is a political process."



Closet door opens on feminist men

by Marian Korn

Can men be feminists? A McGill Women's Union meeting came up with a resounding 'yes' — but they have to work at it.

At last week's "Rap Session on Men's Responsibility in Feminism," the room was overflowing.

"After the massacre," said one man, "you looked in all the papers and 'feminism' was written in big bold letters. There was some taboo associated with it."

"Feminism has had a bad rap," agreed discussion leader Christina Antonick. "It's actually the most beautiful word in the world. Everyone can benefit. It's too bad it seems to alienate people."

Some men said they had met feminists who believed male feminists were a contradiction in terms.

"Every day I get caught up in problems that occur between men and women," commented a student. "Women and men need to work together."

Replied one man, "Where a man can really change is when he is in love with a woman."

But most agreed feminism should represent basic gender equality, and is not necessarily associated with sexual relationships.

Both women and men at the meeting emphasized the need for men's self-education. "Men shouldn't depend on women to teach them," said one woman.

"Men don't form groups to discuss these issues, because they don't see what they will gain," said a male student. Some men felt dialogue involving both genders would be more useful.

"It would be like a bunch of white people sitting around, talking about racism," said one.

At the Women's Union, the space is specifically "women's space."

"Our society has been built around men. Women need a place to explore how they relate to each other," said a woman.

Student Ruell Sloan believes in the value of men's discussion groups.

He organized a set of classes beginning in February in an effort to "develop a network for men to get together and address issues such as parental relationships, initiation

and intimidation.

"It would serve as a safe place to discuss feelings that our culture does not support... Men are searching, trying to find out what's inside, and there is no avenue in society for them to express themselves."

Only five men are signed up, but Sloan believes response will increase as the course progresses.

"What are the 'little things' that men can do to help women?" asked one participant. "Don't whistle at 'chicks'," "Don't call us 'chicks'," "Let women take themselves seriously," were among the responses.

Andronick asked women to explain what patriarchy was for them. "To me, it's not being able to walk on the streets at 4 a.m."

"To me," answered one angry woman, "it's learning about the history of man and the psychology of man — it's as if men did not want to live with women at all!"

Some complained about the women's studies department at McGill — the discipline can only be taken as a minor, not a major concentration of study.

Professor Michael Bristol, who teaches "Women in Fiction," said perhaps a woman should be teaching the course, if one was available. He is "not completely comfortable with the situation." But he does act as a role model as "a man who identifies with women's interests."

The meeting provided a forum for men and women to discuss a variety of topics associated with sexism and other "women's issues."

"I knew there was a large voice at McGill that was not vocalizing itself," said Antonick, explaining why she had set up the gathering. "We needed to discuss these issues with men and women which we normally only talk about in women's studies classes with a couple of men in them."

Antonick hopes to form a core group of people willing to make a commitment to weekly meetings, and eventually to start concrete action around McGill.

The next meeting is February 1, in the Women's Union, Room 424 of the Union building, at 18h00. Also of interest is lecturer Elsa Schreider's talk about *Women and Anger*, tonight in Leacock 26 at 19h30.

Debasers debate NDP

by Mark Lurie

"Be it resolved that the NDP is a spent force in Canada."

That was the motion before a small but boisterous crowd of debating fans, Monday night in the Union building, and a fine opportunity to mirror society's apparent disdain for a political party that just can't seem to defy logic and win.

The government team — which brought forth the resolution — adopted a "might means right" philosophy, turning the debate into a question of ethics versus pragmatism.

The opposition team of Mary Margaret Jones and Cindy Holder did their best to reiterate such well-known facts about the New Democrats as their being a "principled party — a party for the people," and pleading on behalf of the average Canadian who "is not a CEO."

But when it was all over, the opposition seemed more than a little lax in their rebuttals to the government.

According to Prime Minister and perennial trophy winner Steven Johnson, NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin is not a suitable national leader, as she comes from the Yukon, "the most remote part of our region."

He also claimed she is not bilingual. In fact, she speaks French with an English accent, but the opposition did not mention it.

More to the point was the government team's inane premise that the NDP no longer constitutes a viable alternative to the Tories or

Grits, because they "missed their one big chance at forming a government" in the 1988 federal election.

So, because they've never held power before, the NDP is somehow illegitimate? Not exactly.

Minister of the Crown Joel Hec-tor acknowledged that the NDP has a "role to keep people thinking" about, among other things, "saving whales (and) crippled homosexual Indians."

Just about the only figure he seemed to have on hand to illustrate the NDP's supposed dwindling support base, was their loss of seven seats in Hector's own home province of Manitoba.

The opposition failed to counter that type of deductive reasoning with the fact that the last federal election saw the NDP acquire more seats in the House of Commons than ever before.

Leader of the opposition Cindy Holder described the gutless Canadian political scene, by rightly scoffing at the notion that previous victory means legitimacy.

"Everyone (in Canadian politics) thinks completely in the short term — 'If I'm not going to win tomorrow I'll have to abandon this group of people'," she said.

She did not, however, take this opportunity to specify exactly who these people are.

Vague though it was, Holder's performance was not without passion. But she seemed to let Johnson shake her with periodic obnoxious interruptions.

One such snippet heard him

elaborate on Audrey McLaughlin's "alleged psycho-sexual traumas." He denied charges of calling her a lesbian, but added, "she wants to be." He did not explain the relevance of McLaughlin's laudable sexual ambitions.

However shallow the government's points, the opposition allowed themselves to be thrown onto the defensive, without ever once attacking the government's straw-grasping tactic of leader-bashing.

The government contended the NDP's affiliation with unions will become increasingly detrimental to their reputation in the future.

The opposition didn't see fit to defend this association in spite of the imminent danger posed by the Free Trade deal upon workers nationwide. The opposition spoke little about aboriginal land claims.

The original resolution was based on the fallacy that the Liberals constitute an adequate opposition to the ruling Tories.

What emerged from this "speculative" debate was something which seems rather obvious but is painful to hear, if only for what it has to say about the state of Canadian politics. The point, made by a member of the audience, was the NDP has a severe "marketing problem."

Monday night's debate tended to reflect the Canadian political scene in microcosm — political expediency prevails in a country when those with convictions become demagogue brokers.

hyde park

Radical reform is the remedy to underfunding

The following is a letter written to the Tribune which was not published in their Tuesday issue due to 'space constraints.' While in the context of a response to an editorial, it presents most of CAPE's major arguments for maintaining the tuition freeze.

Paul Michell's editorial "Falling into Bourassa's tuition trap" was an ill-timed, uninformed attack on a student movement.

Why would *The Tribune* choose this time to attack student activists when for the first time the various factions of the Québec student movement are trying to work together, including at McGill?

Michell may be aware there is a problem with accessibility in Québec, but he is blind to the efforts and advances students are making.

He calls the efforts of the student movement thus far "idiotic raving and foaming at the mouth." He writes, "What needs to be examined is whether such an increase adversely affects accessibility to university education." Michell believes students should be struggling for a more comprehensive loans and bursaries system instead of against tuition fee hikes.

In fact, ANEEQ and other student unions have been examining the question of accessibility since the Parti Québécois first suggested defreezing tuition in 1984. And the efforts of ANEEQ, FEEQ, PGSS and SSMU to reform provincial loans and bursaries go as far back as the spring of 1986, when the government slashed more than \$80 million from student aid.

Next month, ANEEQ, as well as FEEQ and PGSS, will be represented at the Parliamentary Commission on Loans and Bursaries. But after countless demonstrations, strikes, negotiations, breakfast meetings and letter-writing campaigns, the government has made it clear that the necessary changes to the loans and bursaries system will not be made.

Perhaps our student leaders didn't rave and foam enough? Perhaps Michell could suggest the next move, he who sadly asks, "Where are the new ideas? Where is the vision?"

Indeed, there have been alternative funding proposals suggested by the Student Movement. Michell duly noted the proposal for a one per cent surcharge on private companies. If he did his own research instead of lifting it from the *Daily*, he could have informed his readers that this tax would bring in around \$700 million, not \$7 million (the latter figure is an echo of a *Daily* typo about which an erratum was later run). You can go pretty far with that kind of money.

Michell's own proposal differs little from the schemes dreamed up by McGill chancellor Jean deGrandpré. Varying fees, by faculties, according to the costs of the program and the earning potential of graduates, will restrict enrollment in those faculties to students with higher incomes.

It is naive to think that any student aid program which is not universally accessible and which does not consist entirely of bursaries can be comprehensive. \$10 000 debts are a financial punishment as unacceptable as prohibitive fees. Until this is remedied, the system will be inadequate to compensate even for the "low" tuition presently demanded in Québec.

On the other hand, if Michell believes that it is naive to look towards free education in other countries as proof that accessibility is possible, it is by his own logic inane to compare fee levels in Québec to Ontario or the U.S. and proclaim that students could be paying more. The fact that other provinces and countries bleed students through tuition is no justification for doing it to ourselves.

Instead of judging Québec's education system against education outside of the province, we must judge it according to the criteria which we believe are entailed in a just, accessible and quality education. Québec committed itself to these criteria in the educational reform that led to the tuition fee freeze.

Government funding of Québec universities has decreased 30 per cent (in constant dollars) since 1980. We must focus our efforts on getting the government to recognize this decay of principles, not on reformist, tinkering solutions.

Michell recognizes that government underfunding is the root cause of the problems facing our education system. But he fails to realize the students cannot afford to compensate for the government's irresponsibility.

To suggest that a progressive education system could be achieved through any combination of fee hikes and loans demonstrates a confusion that cannot be afforded at this point in the history of Québec education. Michell's declarations are barely intelligible from the depths of the Bourassa "tuition trap" he has so conveniently fallen into.

CAPE
—The Coalition Against the
Privatization of Education

Twisting like some bizarre reactionary

to the Daily:

This letter is in response to the letter of Robert Smith in the January 11 issue of the daily ("Lepine a scapegoat?").

While acknowledging that "our male-dominated society encourages violence towards women," his argument takes a bizarre and reactionary twist in casting men (Marc Lepine in particular) as victims of a society in which value systems are changing too rapidly. He states that advancements made by women have been at the expense of men who have not been able to adapt to these changes. We believe that the idea that advancements of women are made at the expense of anyone is to take over positions that men like Robert Smith feel are rightfully theirs. It also perpetuates the patriarchal concepts of competi-

tion and hierarchy.

Robert Smith is reiterating ideas put forth by the media that depict Marc Lepine as a Rambo-like hero fighting back against a cruel society that has victimized him. He makes reference to Lepine as a "prisoner of war" and claims that such men deserve sympathy and attention. We feel that the attention should not be directed at men as victims but rather it should be directed by men towards confronting sexism. Smith further claims that a man without a job has less chance of living a "decent" life than a woman in a similar predicament, presumably because he feels that a man's self esteem is more tied to remunerative employment than is a woman's. We find this statement presumptuous and contrary to the reality of many women's lives. Under a patriarchal system like ours, women are systematically oppressed both economically and symbolically. In Robert Smith's

statement he reverses the issue completely, focusing the attention on the aggressor as victim.

The murder of fourteen women at the Université de Montréal is but one instance of the systematic violence towards women whose exercise is implicitly sanctioned under a patriarchal system, or as one woman commented after the massacre, just another example of "the same old shit." In a sense, women and men alike are victims of patriarchy. It is in focusing on those oppressive institutions rather than distorting and evading them, as Robert Smith has done, that we will set in motion a long process of empowerment for all.

Valerie Renwick, BA U3
Christina Blake, BA U3
Dan Feldstein, BA U3

We must actively oppose privatization

To the Daily:

In response to the editorial (sic) entitled "What's mine is mine" (January 17), perhaps the writer should stop spreading propaganda and instead get his facts straight. Presently the average Canadian pays 50 per cent, not 60 per cent to the federal government. Public education should be a public right — an unalienable right. In many western European countries such as Sweden, Austria, Germany and France to mention only a few, have fully subsidized university systems. The average Austrian pays a little over 60 per cent of his income to the national government. This is an example of a system to look towards, not to turn from.

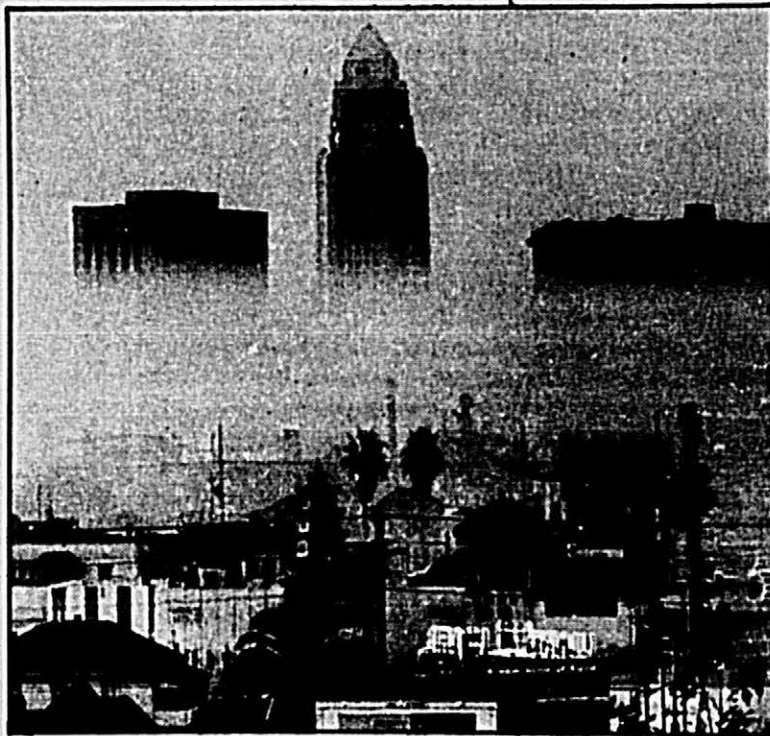
Whether one wishes to realize the fact or not, currently a B.A. degree does not count for much, for if it did, people would not have to spend six or seven years in university before being able to settle into a profession. Certainly a system where tuition fees are increasing annually will not change this fact. An university system which is slowly moving towards privatization, such as what exists in the U.S., is a system not only to despise, but to actively fight to avoid. The only way to stop the current process is by telling the government how we feel, by means of organized protests. A government is more likely to leave well enough alone if sufficient opposition to its ideas exist. Remember how senior citizens fought against and won the battle against the de-indexation of old age pensions?

As for the idea that society stands little to gain from your and my education; that is absolute rubbish. We are our nation's future — we will be the ones to make great strides forward, whether in the arts, the sciences or the humanities.

Next time, let's think first, before we speak.

R. Hofstatter
Arts U1

Ed. Note: "What's mine is mine" was a letter, not an editorial.



Rooftop ozone layer: scum in the air

hyde park

Developed world leading the limp march of civilization

At the mid-point of McGill's Development week, ask yourselves the following questions: what are developing countries developing into? What is the model of political, social and economic development they wish to achieve?

Look around you. In North America, our lifestyles deplete the ozone layer, pollute the lakes and forests, and warm up the average temperature of the planet. There is a growing inequality of wealth in North America, as well as a growing sense of alienation; declining turnouts at elections is the most visible sign of a cynicism that says "well, there's nothing I can do."

This is the society that people in the South, and more recently the East, see as ideal. If they were to achieve it, they could waste a planet in the process. If there is to be any solution to "development" issues, there must be a reappraisal of what "developed" means. With all the grave problems our system produces, it is counterproductive and arrogant to think of ourselves as the final, "developed" product.

Students for Global Responsibility was created to address these problems. We seek to answer the question "what can I do?" Through research intended for publication, we try to identify the ways elements of our daily lives contribute to the world's political and environmental problems and suggest ways to improve them. Our current projects include: a series of dorm raps on environmental issues; a look at pharmaceuticals in the Third World; a guide to organic food in Montreal; a study of Canadian banks and their involvement in South Africa and the effects of tourism on Third World countries. Please join us at our next general meeting today, at 19h00 in Union B-09.

Students For Global Responsibility

Native self-justice in the works

A government inquiry that cleared a Canadian native convicted of murder in Nova Scotia has added fuel to the debate over a separate native justice system.

The conclusions of the Donald Marshall inquiry, with its clear evidence of racism in the Canadian justice system, adds to the Canadian Bar Association's support for native demands for a separate — and different — system of justice on the reserves. Mohawks in Québec are working to build that new system.

MICHAEL WILHELMSON

"That's the trend," says McGill law student Christine Deom. "We don't want a mirror-image system. We've got to evolve something different."

She adds, "Indian law and aboriginal title is no longer thought of as a pipe dream. It seems to be coming into its own and has turned into a legitimate field of law."

Deom grew up on the Mohawk Kana-wake reserve and attended the universities of New Brunswick and Western Ontario, returning to teach on the reserve for 11 years before taking up law.

"One thing about living on a reserve is that you quickly learn the impact of law on Native people," she says. "You can't avoid it, growing up there. Every Indian kid knows about the *Indian Act*. They know what's happening."

Views on punishment

What the Native communities do not want, according to Deom, is a transplanted West-

ern-style adversarial system with Western concepts of remedies and punishment. "One thing about having your own justice system is that it has to work within your community," she says.

But there is no uniform native way of viewing punishment, according to Deom. It can vary from a healing approach, to the hardline "three chances" of ancient Iroquoian custom, where an offender was given three chances before they were killed for the good of the community.

The system reflected the view that the whole community shares in the wrongs of its members. "With the Iroquoians, if you couldn't fix the wrongdoer after three tries, he's considered a danger."

"With other native groups the spirit is more with putting back the spirit and healing. It's a concern with fixing the wrongdoer not wasting him or throwing her away."

The victim is given more importance in Native thinking. Even the Iroquoians required



ANTHONY REVJOY

Natives discuss self-government

the compensation of victims. "There has to be a rational approach," says Deom. "A lot of the native groups are big on apologies and burying bad feelings. You have to realize that everyone has feelings. There's humanity to be considered."

But the most important thing about native justice is that it means control. "And if you have control, you have responsibility for your actions."

"Non-natives need to change their concept of native people. They need to change their attitude of 'we don't owe you Indians anything'," she says.

Deom is a member of the Student Conference Committee on Native Law, organizing a "crash course" in Native law to be held in the Moot Court on February 7 and 8. After a three-year hiatus, aboriginal law has just been reinstated in the curriculum at McGill.

Collective Rights

A broad internal struggle between individual rights and a hardening of collective rights characterizes the justice debate on the reserves. There are extreme views on both sides, and a middle ground has yet to be found.

"There is essential conflict between individual rights and collective rights," says Deom. That's a big problem right now. We have to remember that we're communities

and communities come first. But at the same time, we have to draw the line at the abuse of individual rights."

Natives' struggle for recognition as a "people" with a right to self-determination on the international front is coupled with the struggle for self-government at home.

The Canadian government is urging Natives are not "people" within the meaning of the UN Charter — they are only populations.

"There are native peoples involved in the International Labour Organization and the Working group on Indigenous Peoples at Geneva," said Deom. The Mohawk Nations Office has been very active at Geneva in international diplomacy.

Deom says the February conference will be a success if it changes some attitudes about native rights. "I hope people come and I hope they challenge the ideas they already hold. I hope they learn."

The conference, called "Conflict, Self-Determination and Native People: Searching for Common Grounds," will address many of the key issues facing the Native rights movement. It is also a chance for non-natives to come to grips with the issue of discrimination against native women, aboriginal title and land claims, self-determination and self-government, as well as demands for a separate native justice system.

Native justice

The Robert S. Litvack Memorial Award will be presented to three prominent native women at the conference: Sister Two Axe Earley, founder of the group Equal Rights for Native Women; Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, who challenged the provisions of the Indian Act (it stripped native women of their status if they married white men, but not native men who married white women); and Sandra Lovelace, who contested the same provisions before the UN Human Rights Commission.

Since Bill C-31, Deom says the same discrimination is now practiced by the bands themselves, although there is a backlash now against white women who marry native men. The solution is recognition. "Native women want to be able to live in their communities and have their children there," she says.

Addressing the title issue will be René Morin of the Department of Justice, Brian Slattery of Osgoode Hall, and Mary Laronde of the Executive Tribal Council, Temagami, Ontario.

The controversial concept of Native Justice will be addressed by Jane Dickson-Gilmore, a doctoral candidate from the London School of Economics, on the second day of the conference.

Besides panelists, others active in the field, like James O'Reilly, the Montreal lawyer who has represented the Lubicon Indians, are also expected to make an appearance.

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battle the tuition hike and the barring of access for all to post-secondary education — help us organize in concert with the québec student movement... education is a right, not a luxury! CAPE, today, 17h in Union B-03.

Fatso social programs and editor

To the Daily:

In an effort to put this whole Via Rail cutback controversy in perspective, I would like to offer an

It's a fact!

In Québec, there was a 53 per cent increase in university enrolment between 1975 and 1985 — and an 87 per cent increase for women. In Ontario, where tuition is going up faster than inflation, enrolment went up only 7 per cent. (StatsCan)

analogy that I believe most *Daily* readers (and maybe even writers and editors) will be able to identify with immediately.

Imagine carl p. wilson iii's head: this represents the Canadian economy. For a variety of reasons, chief amongst them the irresponsible behaviour carl has exhibited in skipping his elementary economics classes, his head has accumulated large quantities of fat. Like carl's head, the federal government presently finds itself bogged down in "fat," (ie. debt) up to the eyebrows due largely to the fiscal unaccountability of the Liberal party. To make carl healthy and happy, we must somehow alleviate the almost unimaginable misery all

letters

this fat must be causing him. In the case of our economy, this involves the termination of backwards policies designed to prop up perpetual money losers (like Via) that the federal government has no reason or right to be involved with in the first place.

In carl's case, I am at a loss for a solution; perhaps it would be best to just lop that sucker off. This would hardly make carl healthier, but it may brighten the days of vast numbers of your readership. Besides, people like mr. wilson are never happy with anything anyway.

Kurt Mang
U2 Economics

A sad state of affairs

To the Daily:

I find it sad that given an increase awareness of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since the start of the intifada, many supporters of Israeli atrocities continue to use rhetoric of hatred and prejudice instead of finding the words to meet the PLO in a dialogue for peace. In a December 1 letter to the *Daily*, Brian Spira follows the "Good Jews vs. Bad Arabs" arguments uttered so often by Israeli government officials and their supporters. Mr. Spira first gives us the "PLO as terrorist" line, in this instance as a justification for the Israeli bombings of Palestinian refugee camps during the Lebanon war. Given that most Palestinians see the PLO as their political representatives, if one assumes the PLO is terroristic as Mr. Spira does, it then becomes frighteningly simple to justify the killing of Palestinian civilians (in refugee camps, hospitals, boats, foreign countries, etc.) and absolve Israel from any blame in these injustices.

Then Mr. Spira delves into pseudo-sociology and provides a racist story to explain the complex history of the Middle East this century. He gives several examples of Arab versus Arab brutality (not all even pertaining to Palestinians) to suggest that Arabs are intrinsically violent. Mr. Spira goes to appalling lengths to confirm these racist speculations as evidenced by his example that in "1982 it was fellow Arabs who perpetrated the Sabra (Massacre)". In fact, it was the pro-Israeli, anti-Islam Phalangist militia, composed mainly of Christian Maronites, led by the main Mossad and CIA contact man, who massacred Palestinian refugees in the Sabra and Shatila camps in 1982. To argue that this was an act of "Arabs" against "Arabs" neatly does away with history and the Israeli support of the Phalangists and simultaneously provides another bent 'fact' for racist tales disguised as historical commentary.

Finally, although neither the PLO nor the leaders of the intifada are against the state of Israel, Mr. Spira assumes that any criticisms of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians (like the mention of the "Palestinian diaspora" by a previous letter-writer) is tantamount to questioning the right of Israel to exist. With this unjustified fear built on racist assumptions, I find it difficult to find any space in Mr. Spira's arguments (or the similar "Us vs. Them" logic of many Israeli politicians) for dialogue on peace, and the end of Israeli injustices towards the Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, to occur.

B. Rutherford
Arts PhD U2

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Bursaries system insufficient to preserve education for all

Students are assessing the damage to be wrought by Québec's tuition hike.

Critics say existing financial aid programs are inadequate now that fees are shooting up by at least \$700 over the next two years.

STEPHANE ST-ONGE

McGill Financial Aid director Judy Stymest says the students who may be forced to drop out are "those who are already having problems getting money to pay the current fees."

Worst-afflicted will be "the out-of-province students, as there will not be an increase in their provincial student aid," says Stymest.

Provincial governments across the country are slashing financial aid programs. And students borrowing money under the Canadian Student Loan program next year will pay an additional three per cent service fee.

This service fee, coupled with

the increase in Québec's tuition fees, "would deter these students from coming to McGill," Stymest says.

McGill's low tuition has traditionally attracted students from other provinces. Québec's average of \$540 yearly tuition is a paltry sum compared to Ontario's \$1576 — and British Columbia's outlandish \$2414.

"Enrollment at McGill will be affected," Stymest says. "We don't know the full impact."

Will students drop out, Claude?

Ryan estimates eleven per cent of students may have to drop their

studies because of the fee hike, according to Luc Rhéaume, press attaché to Québec Education minister Claude Ryan.

Ryan estimates 11 per cent of students may have to drop out because of the fee hike. Yet he still claims, "No student will be refused access because of the tuition fee increase."

But a study last May by researchers at UQAM estimated a 12.5 per cent reduction in participation if fees were doubled. Ryan's fee hike will double McGill fees and then raise them by a further 35 per cent over the next two years —

plus an optional 10 per cent to be imposed by the administration.

Yet, when announcing the hike last December, Ryan told reporters, "No student will be refused access to a university education because of the tuition fee increase."

About half the students eligible for assistance through Québec's loans and bursary program receive only a loan. Bursaries are granted to poorer students in combination with loans.

Students can find themselves up to \$8 000 in debt by the time they receive their bachelor degree. A graduate student who benefited from maximum loans could accumulate a \$40 000 debt by the end of their PhD.

Privatizing aid

Students who can't get government money can go to McGill's financial aid office for privately-funded scholarships, loans and grants. But aid director Stymest warns the current level of private donations won't cover soaring tuition fees.

"If the private aid program covers only the original tuition fee, then we'll need much more money," says Stymest.

According to Education ministry statistics, over 50 per cent of Québec's 155 000 full-time university students receive no financial aid from the provincial government, and are either assisted by their parents or must work.

According to a 1986 education ministry study, a Québec university student living at home spends \$5255 a year, and \$8016 if on their own. The poverty line in Canada is around \$9 000.

Stymest says the government's parental aid expectations would have to be changed under the new conditions.

According to Sophie Cousineau, a member of McGill's Coalition Against the Privatization of Education, the government now assumes parents give at least some support, but many families either cannot or do not choose to fund post-secondary schooling for their children. These students end up having to work at the same time as studying.

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